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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003 (paper no. 4),  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on  
page 5 of this paper.